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TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #9: Initiation of Service Reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates for all East Valley Local Agencies

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Initiate service reviews required by Government Code Section 56430, and sphere of influence updates required by Government Code Section 56425, for all cities and special districts located in the East Valley area (roughly from the City of Rialto, easterly through the community of Oak Glen); and,
2. Direct staff to schedule these service reviews and sphere of influence updates for public hearing as they are completed.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the February, 2002 hearing, the Commission adopted local policies and procedures to guide the conduct of service reviews of cities and special districts in San Bernardino County. That action cleared the way for the Commission to begin meeting its statutory mandate to conduct service reviews and sphere of influence updates for all local agencies within the County over a five year period.

Since July, 2002, the Commission has completed all but three sphere/service reviews for the West Valley area (from Fontana, westerly to the county boundary). The three remaining West Valley agencies--the Inland Empire West Resource Conservation District, the West Valley Vector Control District, and the Central Valley Fire Protection District--will all be scheduled for hearing in the near future.

Based on the Commission's action to divide the County into five geographic regions (to correspond with the statutory five-year review period), it is now appropriate for the Commission to initiate proceedings for service review/sphere of influence updates for the East Valley area. This region begins with Bloomington and Rialto to the west, and will be completed through the community of Oak Glen to the east.

Specifically, staff recommends that the Commission initiate service/sphere studies for the following local agencies:

Regional Agencies

- San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
- East Valley Resource Conservation District
- Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District
- San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Bloomington

- Bloomington Recreation and Park District

Rialto

- City of Rialto
- West San Bernardino County Water District

Colton

- City of Colton

Grand Terrace

- City of Grand Terrace

San Bernardino

- City of San Bernardino
- East Valley Water District (western portion)

Highland

- City of Highland
- East Valley Water District (eastern portion)

Loma Linda

- City of Loma Linda

Redlands

- City of Redlands
- County Service Area 110

Yucaipa

City of Yucaipa

Yucaipa Valley Water District

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (Oak Glen area)

Oak Glen

County Service Area 63

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

Once the Commission initiates service reviews and sphere of influence updates for the agencies listed above, staff will begin working with them to develop the information necessary for Commission review. The tentative plan is to begin in the westernmost portion of the East Valley area, working eastward to include the unincorporated community of Oak Glen (east of the City of Yucaipa). Some flexibility concerning this plan, however, will be necessary since some agencies may be better able to respond in a timely fashion to information requests than others.

Staff will provide periodic progress reports to the Commission and will be happy to respond to any questions from affected local agencies and members of the Commission.

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